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SUBJECT: AHRAM ANNOUNCES HEGAZI WILL HEAD UNCHANGED

CABINET; MAR'I REPORTEDLY TO BECOME P.A.

SPEAKER

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1. SEPT 20 AHRAM LEADS WITH EXCLUSIME ARTICLE STATING THAT HEGAZI WILL BE NAMED PRIME MINISTER OF A "NEW CABINET" WHICH WILL BE OTHERWISE UNCHANGED. PAPER DOES NOT INDICATE WHEN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE, BUT CLEARLY HINTS THIS IS EXPECTED WITHIN COMING FEW DAYS.

2. REGARDING OTHER INTERNAL CHANGES WHICH MAY OCCUR, SEPT 20 GUMHURIYYA REPORTS THAT PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR SAYYID MAR'I HAS NOMINATED HIMSELF TO BE HEAD "OF A LEGISLATIVE BODY" (PRESUMABLY PEOPLES ASSEMBLY) AT BEGINNING OF NEXT SESSION. REPORT IS CREDIBLE, AND HAS BEEN REINFORCED BY RECENT STATEMENT OF DEPUTY SPEAKER GAOAL OTEIFI TO EMBOFF SEVERAL DAYS AGO TO EFFECT THAT HE BELIEVED SAYIID MAR'I WILL REPLACE CURRENT SPEAKER HAFEZ BEDAWI. PA WILL OPEN NEW SESSION FOLLOWING BAIRIM IN OCTOBER.

3. COMMENT: LATTER CHANGE IS POTENTIALLY FAR MORE IMPORTANT

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THAN IT APPEARS. ARTICLE 84 OF 1971 CONSTITUTION PROVIDES

THAT P.A. SPEAKER WILL ASSUME OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC SHOULD THAT OFFICE FALL VACANT, OR THE PRESIDENT
BECOME PERMANENTLY DISABLED.

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